

created SCRIE (Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption), which has helped low income seniors remain in their homes. Additionally, he was a prime sponsor of EPIC, New York's prescription drug buy plan, which has helped thousands of elderly new Yorkers pay for necessary medication.

Assemblyman Butler has been extremely active in civic affairs and has worked alongside local community activists on a wide range of issues, working to improve educational and youth programs, and increase local police presence. His caring guidance and enthusiasm have truly made this neighborhood a more pleasant place to live and work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Greater Astoria Historical Society and saluting them for selecting Denis Butler as the 2003 Honorary Mayor of Long Island City.

#### TRIBUTE TO EPWORTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Epworth United Methodist Church, a treasured Bronx institution and a historic house of worship that celebrated its Centennial anniversary November 10, 2002. Appropriately, the theme of their celebration was "We've Come This Far By Faith."

Mr. Speaker, Epworth United Methodist Church was founded at the turn of the century in the heart of the South Bronx. People from all walks of life have filled its pews throughout the past century and as a result, it has become an invaluable part of the Bronx's history. Located on Concourse Village East, the church stands as a beacon of faith and rich history.

Throughout its 100 years of existence, Epworth United has been a model of excellence with its numerous and far-reaching community programs. Not only are Bronx residents able to come to Epworth United for spiritual enrichment and fellowship, they can come to the church for assistance with life's daily trials. The church is especially proud of its large and active youth congregation.

Mr. Speaker, Epworth United provides food and clothing to anyone who may need them. Its dedicated staff and clergy also run an after-school tutorial and a summer day camp for young people. The church also awards college scholarships to outstanding youth throughout the city.

For the past century, countless Bronx residents have found solace and aid within the walls of Epworth United Methodist Church. I hope that all of my esteemed colleagues will join me in honoring this sacred and historic institution on its centennial anniversary.

#### CONGRATULATING JACK STONE AS 2002 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Stone for receiving

the 2002 Agriculturist of the Year Award at the Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon in Fresno, California on November 13, 2002. This lifetime achievement award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies leadership and integrity in the Central Valley's agricultural business community.

Jack Stone graduated from the University of California, Davis. In 1940, he began farming and later sold his farm in order to serve his country for four years as a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1946, Jack began to farm again on undeveloped Central Valley land and then organized the J.G. Stone Land Company two years later. Jack has served as President of the Westlands Water District, the National Cotton Council, the Western Cotton Growers Association, and formerly served as chairman of the Producers Steering Committee of the National Cotton Council. He currently serves as a California Farm Water Coalition Board Member.

Jack is a second-generation farmer specializing in cotton, grains, and a half dozen other field crops on 6,000 acres in the Stratford and Lemoore areas in Central California. He has always worked for the interests of young farmers by supporting the development of the agriculture program at Coalinga's West Hills College, and by being a steadfast supporter of the cotton program and judging contests at the California State University, Fresno campus. Jack has also consistently fought for development of an adequate, reliable, and affordable water supply for California. Today, much of J.G. Stone Land Company's daily activities are run by Jack's son, Bill, and his grandchildren, though Jack remains the patriarch of the four-generation farming operation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jack Stone for earning the 2002 Agriculturist of the Year Award. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing Jack Stone many years of continued success.

#### A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING TAMMY SANDERSON

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Tammy Sanderson has devoted herself to serving others through her work at the Carroll County Department of Human Services; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson has shared her time and talent with the community in which she resides; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence and outstanding service; and

Whereas, Tammy Sanderson must be commended for the hard work and dedication she put forth in her 30 year career of service with the county;

Therefore, I join with the Department of job and Family Services and the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Tammy Sanderson on her retirement.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO SERENA JANE SWENK

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is deep sadness that I recognize the life and passing of Serena Jane Swenk of Dolores, Colorado. Mrs. Swenk passed away in October, and as her family mourns her loss, I would like to pay tribute to her life and the wonderful memories she has left behind.

Serena was born in Dolores, Colorado on October 3, 1916. The granddaughter of one of Colorado's original pioneering families, her great-grandparents were among the first that came to settle in the area known today as Montezuma County. Serena loved the land and took full advantage of her rural upbringing, spending her childhood afternoons riding and herding sheep.

Serena attended school in the lower valley of Montezuma County and in Dolores, where she graduated from high school in 1934. She was an avid reader, scholar and artist, never missing an opportunity to open a book, research historical events, or paint a majestic Colorado landscape. Serena was also a very capable homemaker and loved to arrange holiday get togethers where she would cook for the entire family.

Despite a busy life on the ranch, Serena still found the time to remain active in her community. She spent countless hours serving in many community clubs and organizations, including the Order of Eastern Star, Southwestern Colorado Cowbelles, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the 4-H. It was for these efforts that Serena received many awards throughout her life including, 4-H Leader of the Year, Southwestern Colorado Cowbelle of the Year, and Mancos Days Pioneer Queen.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I recognize the life and passing of Serena Jane Swenk before this body of Congress and this nation. I extend my sincere condolences to her two sons David and Larry, and her many grandchildren. Serena was one of our state's true pioneers; she lived her life with great enthusiasm, courage and compassion, and was an inspiration to all who knew her.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOE WARNER

**HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a dear, close friend of mine Joe Warner, who tragically passed away in a plane crash shortly after takeoff on July 22, 2002.

Many of our nation's greatest servants silently and humbly transform communities out of the goodness of their hearts, selfless generosity, and a dedication to improving the welfare of loved ones and those whom they have never met. Joe Warner was one of these servants, and he serves as an inspiration to us all.

Joe was born on July 3, 1942 in DeKalb, Illinois to Paul and Doris Walkey Warner. He attended Northern Illinois University and received his NMA from the University of Illinois.